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FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING CONNECTORS

AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO OFFICIAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above identified as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, after line 3,

Insert – The connector 12 is attached to

flange 24 by fasteners 26.-;

line 5,

Before "bolt" insert - fastener or -;

line 16,

Delete "Foot" and insert -Holding member

or foot--;

line 19,

After "support 38" insert – or base member

38-;

Page 8, line 2,

Delete "38" and insert -28 –,

line 9,

After "by" insert -an actuating assembly or-

and delete "a".